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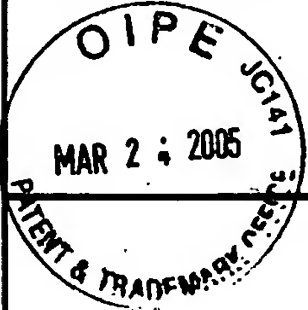
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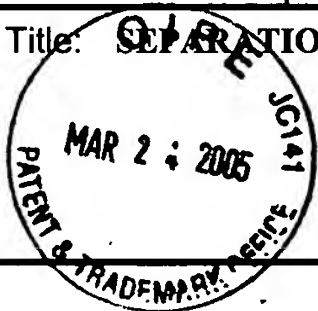
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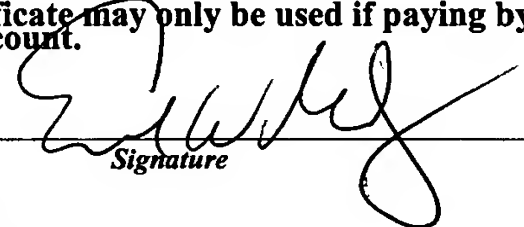
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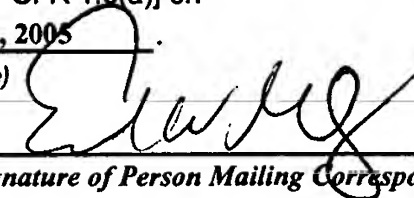
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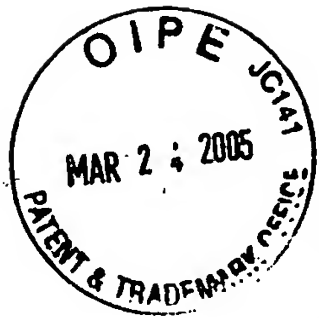
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STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98

Sir:

Applicants, in order to meet their duty of disclosure, set forth at 37 C.F.R. §1.56, submit herewith those additional references which they deem relevant to the claims of the present application.

The relevant references are as follows:

1. US 20020153317 A1 (to Heikkila et al.)
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,140,498 (to Jumppanen et al.)

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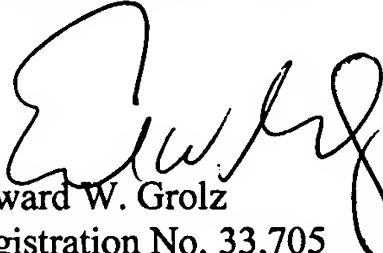
Said references were recently cited in an international search report regarding a corresponding international (PCT) application. A copy of the search report is also enclosed. It is noted that the other patent references identified in the report and not listed above were previously identified in an earlier Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-mentioned references be made of record in the file of the present application. To that end, applicants submit herewith the aforementioned references and the completed Form PTO-1449, setting forth these references.

Applicants submit that the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is prior to the mailing date of an Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no Declaration or fee is required to effect the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested, since the information provided herein may be material to the patentability of the subject application as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Respectfully submitted,

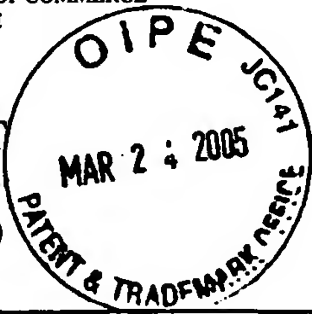

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